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OF

ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1972

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Mr FRANK BURROWS



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Ashton-in-Makerfield.

To the Chairman and Members of the Ashton-in-Makerfield
Urban District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the 97th Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1972.

As in previous years it has been compiled in accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Health.

Introduction

The district is bounded by the Urban Districts of Abram, Billinge, Golborne and Haydock and County Boroughs of Wigan and St. Helens.

Geologically the area is of coal and red sandstone and is approximately 6.265 acres.

Social Conditions

The population at the 1971 census was 26,260 and is now 26,820 (mid-1972), the density of population being slightly more than 4 per acre. Coal mining has practically ceased but some light industry has moved into the district. Agriculture, textile weaving, rayon and iron and steel manufacture give employment to many of the population but there is still a need for additional industry to be introduced into the area.

The rateable value of property in the Urban District is £718,289 and a penny Rate yields £6,900.

The District is part of No. 8 Division of the Lancashire County Council who organise Child Welfare. Ante-Natal and School Clinics.

Child Welfare Clinics.

No. of Sessions 104

No. of Individual Children attended and born in	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1967-70</u>
	315	346	242

No. of Sessions at Garswood 26

Ante-Natal Clinics

Drs. Manderson, Bhaduri and Mattison attend to their own patients at the Clinic. No Ante-Natal Clinic is run by L.C.C.

Sanitary Circumstances

The Makerfield Water Board supervise the distribution of water, obtained from boreholes at the Board's Lightshaw works, together with water purchased from Liverpool Corporation. The Board reported the taking of 98 water samples in the district and found that all but two were satisfactory. No chemical reports have been received.

The number of houses now on the water carriage disposal system is 9380. House refuse is collected in approximately 10,517 bins and disposed of by Controlled Tipping.

Vital Statistics

Estimated mid-year home population 26,820

Comparability factors: Births 0.86
Deaths 1.30

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Live Births</u>		
Legitimate	246	205
Illegitimate	6	7
Total	252	212
<u>Still Births</u>		
Legitimate	1	6
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil
Total	1	6
<u>Deaths - infants under 1 year of age</u>		
Legitimate	6	1
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil
Total	6	1
<u>Deaths - infants under four weeks of age</u>		
Legitimate	1	1
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil
Total	1	1
<u>Deaths - infants under one week of age</u>		
Legitimate	1	1
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil
Total	1	1
<u>Deaths - all ages</u>	131	150
<u>Death rate All Ages per 1,000 estimated population</u>		
Crude rate	10.5	
Adjusted rate	13.7	
<u>Live Birth Rates per 1,000 estimated population</u>		
Crude rate	17.3	
Adjusted rate	14.9	
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births ...	15.0	
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births..	Nil	
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births ..	15.0	

Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	4.0
Early neo-natal mortality rates per 1,000 live births.	4.0
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	19.0

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	Sex	All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks & Under 1 year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & over
Cerebrovascular Disease.	M	16	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	2	7
	F	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	11
Other Diseases of Circulatory System.	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	3
Influenza.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia.	M	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4
	F	10	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	6
Bronchitis and Emphysema.	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	5
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Asthma.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Appendicitis.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System.	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Congenital Anomalies	M	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	M	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other External Causes	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	131	1	5	-	-	2	3	4	13	28	36	39
	F	150	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	10	24	35	76

Infectious Disease

There was no epidemic disease during the year.

	Cases notified
Scarlet Fever	40
Whooping Cough	Nil
Measles	125
Tuberculosis - respiratory	4
Tuberculosis - other	Nil
Infective Jaundice	1
Food Poisoning	Nil

Immunisations and Vaccinations

Children protected against:-
(Under 16 years of age)

	Primary	Re-inforcement
Diphtheria	522	444
Whooping Cough	517	37
Tetanus	528	439
Poliomyelitis	523	439
Measles	287	Nil
Rubella	172	Nil

I wish to express my appreciation for the assistance and co-operation received from the Officers of the Council and particularly to Mr Burrows, Chief Public Health Inspector, for his unfailing support.

I also respectfully wish to offer to Members of the Council my appreciation for the courtesy and encouragement given to me at all times.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

P. LEE

Medical Officer of Health

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1972

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Ashton-in-Makerfield

To the Chairman and Members of the Ashton-in-Makerfield
Urban District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am pleased to submit my twenty fifth Annual Report on the work carried out during the year, by the staff of the Public Health Department.

The volume of work continued to increase due to the development of the area with the subsequent increase in population. The following tables and statistics will give an indication of the many varied duties in which the Public Health Department was involved.

Summary of Visits and Inspections

Total Inspections made for all purposes	9260
No. of premises visited	6436
Nuisances discovered	2124
Nuisances abated	1744
Visits re infectious disease	39
Re-visits re infectious disease	20
Visits to factories	231
Visits to premises where food is prepared or exposed for sale	365
Visits to Food Delivery Vehicles	29
Food Factory	152
Visits to dairies	18
Visits to Shops (Shops and Public Health Acts)	302
Notices served (Preliminary)	574
Notices served (Statutory)	19
Legal Proceedings	Nil
Court Abatement Orders made	Nil
Letters sent	1862

Description of Nuisances dealt with

Defective and damp walls	155
roofs	137
eaves-gutters and rain-water pipes	111
floors	27
sinks	1
wastepipes	3
plasterwork	142
windows	153
doors and frames	46
chimneys and stacks	59
paving in yards and passages	37

Animals and poultry improperly kept	7
Defective w.c. cisterns	9
w.c. basins	10
w.c. supply pipes	16
w.c. structures	10
Choked or defective drains and drainage systems	281
Water under floors	4
Accumulation of refuse, etc.	64
Foul Odours	6
Filthy or verminous premises	15
Insufficient water supplies	5
Insufficient lighting	8
Noise Nuisances	7
Clean Air Act Infringements	6
Abandoned vehicles	31
Miscellaneous	60
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Total	1410
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Housing and Slum Clearance Programme

Twenty families involving 68 persons were rehoused by the Council from houses on which either Demolition or Closing Orders had been made. Twenty two houses were demolished and six closed and 24 houses were represented to the Council as being unfit for human habitation and incapable of being repaired at reasonable expense.

Housing Statistics

1.	Number of dwellings erected during the year:-	Houses	Bungalows	Flats	Total
	(i) By the local authority	12	3	67	82
	(ii) By other local authorities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	(iii) By other bodies or persons	299	2	Nil	301
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		Grand Total			383
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2.	Number of Council-owned dwellings at end of the year			2101	
3.	Inspections of dwelling-houses during the year:-			<u>Houses</u>	
(1)	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). Includes Slum Clearance Survey under Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular 2/60.			978	
	(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal made for the purpose.			1265	
	(c) Number of dwelling-houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.			228	
(2)	Total number of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which -				

(a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made. (At any time)	32
(b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made.	170

4. Houses demolished:-

In Clearance Areas

	Houses Demolished	Displaced Persons	Displaced during year Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act 1957.	-	-	-

Not in Clearance Areas

(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act 1957.	22	57	17
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in unfitness Orders.	-	-	-
(8) Other reasons development etc.	-	-	-

5. Unfit Houses Closed:-

	Number	Displaced Persons	Displaced during year Families
(1) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act 1957.	6	11	3
(2) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act 1957.	-	-	-
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act 1957.	-	-	-

6. Unfit Houses made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:-

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal action by local authority.	19	Nil
(2) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts (b) Sections 9 and 16. Housing Act 1957.	14	Nil

(3) Under Section 24. Housing Act 1957. Nil Nil

7. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act 1957)
Position at end of year:-

(1) Retained for temporary accommodation	Number of Houses	Number of separate dwellings contained in column(1)
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	-	-

8. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

	Number of houses
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased during the year	-

9. Housing Act 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 -
Improvement grants etc.
Action during year:-

	Private bodies or individuals	Local Authority
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	-	-
(b) Approved by local authority	-	-
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	-	-
(e) Work completed	-	-
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above	-	-
(g) Any other action under the Acts: Nil		

10. Housing Acts 1969 - Standard Grants:-

	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected
(a) Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to full standard	134
(b) Applications approved by local authority for improvement to reduced standard	Nil
(c) Total applications approved by local authority for improvements to:	
(i) full standard	130
(ii) reduced standard	Nil

(d) Work completed

118

The total number of dwellings improved since 1959 is 795.

Rent Act 1957

There were no applications for Certificates of Disrepair or any undertakings to carry out repairs during the year.

Housing Act 1969

Qualification Certificates

Provision is made in the above Act for landlords to make application to Local Authorities for Qualification Certificates in respect of dwellings subject to controlled tenancies. When a property is in good repair and is provided with all the standard amenities the Local Authorities are empowered to issue a Qualification Certificate.

Provision is also made in the Act for dealing with dwellings not already provided with the standard amenities, but application must be made to the Local Authority for a Qualification Certificate before any work to supply lacking amenities is commenced.

Following compliance with the legal requirements of the Housing Act 1969, contained in Section 43 to 57, a landlord is entitled to a fair rent which is assessed by the Rent Officer. It is necessary for full co-operation between the Public Health and Rent Offices in dealing with this complicated legislation. Considerable work is involved in carrying out physical inspections of properties and in ensuring that the correct procedure is adhered to in the serving of notices and necessary letters.

Details of applications are listed below:-

Qualification Certificates

Applications	Qualification Certificates issued
9	1

Combined Standard Grant and Qualification Certificates

Applications	Certificate of Provisional Approval Issued	Qualification Certificates Issued
15	11	2

Inspection and Supervision of Food and Food Premises

Premises where food is prepared, stored and sold for human consumption were regularly inspected to maintain a high hygienic standard and 564 visits were made for this purpose.

Twenty-nine food delivery and hawkers' vehicles were inspected during the year and 8 warnings for contravention of The Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 were necessary.

Advice was given to food vending stall-holders regarding the covering of food and stalls and for the display of their names and addresses in conspicuous positions.

Food Factory

One hundred and fifty two visits were made to the food factory and although every endeavour is made by the occupier to ensure that the meat is dealt with in a hygienic manner, there can be no relaxation in the inspections and supervision. The meat and offals are delivered to school kitchens over a wide area and, in addition, many hotels and catering establishments also obtain meat from this factory. Thirty samples of canned meat were submitted for bacteriological examination, 27 were found to be sterile and in three instances organisms were isolated.

Type of Business

	No.
General Grocers and provision dealers	96
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	14
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game)	8
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	18
Bakers and/or confectioners	9
Fried Fish shops	15
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	31
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments	72
Others	7

The following table gives the type and number of premises registered under the provisions of the Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Acts, 1938 and 1968.

Sale of Ice-Cream	58
Manufacturers of Cooked Meat and Sausages	15
Storage of Meat sold from vehicles	6
Storage of Fish sold from vehicles	5
Storage of Fruit and vegetables sold from vehicles	14

Food Condemned

16 Vanilla Ice Cream Wafers	1 Packet Bacon
18 Mint Rockers	8 Packets Cheese
18 Ice Lollies	2 tins Fruit Cocktail
1 Dumpling	1 tin Evaporated Milk
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb Sliced Green Beans	1 tin Rice Pudding
24 ozs Faggots in Gravy	1 tin Peaches
3 packets Fish Fingers	50 packets Meat
$2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs Short Crust Pastry	1 tin Corned Beef
$1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs Cod Steaks	1 tin Brisket Beef
4 tins Beans in Tomato Sauce	1 tin Strawberries
11 tins Processed Peas	1 tin Pineapple
2 Arctic Rolls	4 tins Grapefruit
4 Family Blocks Ice Cream	2 tins Peaches
10 lbs Crinkle-Cut Chips	1 tin Ham
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb Sprouts	1 tin Raspberries
$2\frac{1}{4}$ lbs Garden Peas	3 packets Yorkshire Puddings
4 lbs Fish Cakes	6 tins Pork Sausage
$16\frac{1}{4}$ lbs Puff Pastry	3 packets Cornish Pasties
$5\frac{1}{4}$ lbs Fish Fiesta	1 lb Corn on Cob
$2\frac{1}{4}$ lbs Cod in Butter Sauce	3 Chickens
1 tin Tomatoes	38,567 lbs Frozen Beef Tongues
48 lbs Shin Stew	8 lbs Pork Shoulder
15 lbs English Shoulders	2 lbs Black Puddings

10 lbs Brisket	1 lb Bacon
8 lbs Sausage Beef	20 lbs Shin Beef
3 lbs Pork Chops	35 lbs Sausage
36 lbs New Zealand Legs Lamb	5 lbs Roast Beef
10 lbs New Zealand Loins	2 lbs Chicken
8 lbs Oxtail	1 lb Liver Sausage
20 lbs Beef Rib	7 lbs Veal
99 lbs New Zealand Lamb	9 lbs Corned Beef
7 lbs Ham	3 lbs Kidneys
5½ lbs Gammon	1¼ lbs Tongues

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations. 1959

There are three dairy farms producing milk within the district in addition to six registered dairies.

Visits have been paid to all these premises in addition to shops from which milk is sold. The results of milk samples taken are as follows:-

Biological Test (Tuberculosis)	Nil
Negative	Nil
Positive	Nil
Void	Nil
Phosphatase Test	18
Satisfactory	16
Unsatisfactory	Nil
Void	2
Methylene Blue Test	18
Satisfactory	13
Unsatisfactory	Nil
Void	5
Turbidity Test	9
Satisfactory	9
Unsatisfactory	Nil

Brucellosis

Ring Test	
Negative	15
Positive	1
Culture Test	
Negative	1
Positive	Nil
Biological Test	
Negative	Nil
Positive	Nil

The Milk (Special Designation) (Specified Areas) No. 3 Order is operative in the Urban District and only designated milk may be sold in sealed bottles or containers.

Ice Cream

There are 57 premises registered under Sections 115 and 116 of the Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Act 1938 for the sale of ice-cream.

The sole manufacturer of heat-treated ice-cream within the district maintains a high standard of cleanliness throughout production and during the sale of ice-cream products from his fleet of vehicles.

His premises and operating vehicles are frequently inspected and the liquid mix and final ice-cream products are regularly sampled.

Forty-one samples were taken during the year, the results being as follows:-

	Produced outside district	Produced within district
Provisional Grade I	12	8
Provisional Grade II	15	4
Provisional Grade III	Nil	1
Provisional Grade IV	Nil	1

Ice Lollies

Seventeen lolly samples were taken for bacteriological test, the results being as follows:-

17 Samples	Satisfactory
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Fish Samples

Three samples of fish; mackerel, plaice and herring were taken and submitted for examination for *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*. This action was taken at the request of the Public Health Laboratory but in all cases the result was negative.

Licensed Premises

Within the area there are 29 public houses, seven out-door licences and 18 clubs. The general standard of cleanliness is satisfactory and during the year modernising schemes have progressed.

All these premises were inspected during the year and any infringements of the Food Hygiene Regulations and the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act were dealt with as required.

Pet Animals Act 1951

There is only one shop licensed for the keeping and sale of pets. The occupier is fully aware of the requirements of the Act; his premises are well maintained and there have been no contraventions.

Petroleum (Regulations) Acts

There are 35 licensed petroleum storage premises within the district for which fees amounting to £138.00 have been paid. The law relating to the storage and sale of petroleum spirit is very stringent and visits are necessary to all registered premises. New installations were tested and inspected by the recommended pressure tests.

Public Cleansing

A weekly refuse collection service has been maintained throughout the year with the exception of the local holiday week. During this non-collection week, plastic sacks were distributed to all premises during the previous week so that satisfactory collection of extra refuse could be carried out after the annual holiday. This system worked very effectively and very few complaints were received from the public.

The number and type of vehicles operating in the department were as follows:-

One 18/24 cubic yard capacity Commer Compression Loader.
 One 18/25 cubic yard capacity Ramillies Compression Loader.
 Two 19/60 cubic yard capacity Musketeer Compression Loader.
 One 19/60 cubic yard Colectomatic.
 One Box Type Salvage Van.
 One Box Type Refuse Collection Van.
 One Bray 530 Mechanical Shovel.
 Five Salvage Trailers.

Dustbin Provision Scheme

The Municipal Dustbin Scheme is operated under the provisions of Section 75/3 of the Public Health Act, 1936. 383 bins were delivered to new dwellings whilst 577 were issued to replace defective bins at other premises.

Salvage of Waste Paper

The amount of waste paper collected and disposed of was 386.40.tonnes. The income from the sale amounted to £4254.90. There was a decrease in the amount of salvage collected and sold during this year.

Trade Refuse

A charge of 2¹/₂p per bin per week is made for the collection of refuse from trade premises. The sum of £376.31 was received for this service which was an increase over previous years.

Statistics

Number of pail closets at end of 1971 (approximately	41
Less number converted	Nil
Less number demolished	21
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Total number of pail closets at end of 1972	20
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Number of water closets at end of 1971 (approximately)	
including troughs and waste-water	10550
Number of conversions	Nil
Number of fresh-water closets at new dwellings	445
Number of extra water closets erected	150
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	11145
Number of water closets demolished	28
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Number of water closets at end of 1972	11117
Number of waste-water closets included above	7
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Number of movable dustbins at end of 1971	10100
Number of new dwellings	383
Bins provided at other premises	62
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	10545
Number of bins at properties demolished and closed	28
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Number of movable ashbins at 31st December 1972	10517
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Civic Amenities Act 1967

Under the provisions of this Act the Council are responsible for the collection and disposal of bulkier type refuse from domestic premises, the removal of abandoned vehicles and the provision of places for the deposit of refuse.

During the year, 1921 collections were made following requests by householders to the Council to remove bulky articles and, in addition, weekly collections were made of extraneous matter deposited on the verges adjoining highways throughout the district.

Action was taken in connection with 31 abandoned vehicles which were removed by a local scrap metal merchant after the necessary legal requirements had been observed.

Factories Acts 1937 and 1961

Number of factories on register: 174

		Inspections	Written Notices
With mechanical power	109	198	-
Without mechanical power	55	33	1
Other premises (not outworkers)	10	20	-
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	174	251	1
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Defects Found

	Found	Remedied
Insufficient and unsuitable closet accommodation	4	3
Want of cleanliness	6	6
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	10	9
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Registered Premises

Cafes and Snack Bars	4
Bakers and confectioners	8
Plumbers	18
Builders	23
Motor and cycle repairers	24
Smiths	1
Painters	11
Clothing manufacturers	2
Wholesale warehouses	3
Lock and hinge manufacturers	1
Laundries	5
Printers	1
Dental mechanics	1
Cabinet makers and Upholsterers	2
Mineral water manufacturers and bottlers	1
Ice-cream manufacturers	1
Sausage makers	11
Scrap metal dealers	3
Demolition contractors	1
Cotton Weavers	1
Boot, shoe repairers	3

Gas-holders	1
Electricians	14
Agricultural machinery repairers	2
Saw Mills	5
Food Factory	1
General Engineering	13
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Section 110

There were three outworkers resident in the district employed by a firm carrying on business outside this area.

Other Matters

Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories	1
Notified by H.M. Inspector of Factories	1

Clean Air Acts 1956/1968 - Atmospheric Pollution

The detailed survey to determine the heating appliances used and the amounts and types of fuels used in the proposed Pewfall smoke control area were all completed during the year.

The area which covers 1436 acres, included the following properties:-

Privately owned dwellings	256
Industrial Premises	4
Commercial Premises	1
Other premises	1

It was estimated at the conclusion of the survey that the total cost of works eligible for the grant would be £10,351 . 90.

Notices were received in respect of the installation of ten furnaces having a heating capacity of more than 55,000 British Thermal Units per hour and a considerable amount of work was involved in the calculation of the respective chimney heights to ensure that the emission of pollutants would be dispersed satisfactorily.

Although smoke emissions did occur throughout the district from industrial type furnaces, owners and works managers took remedial measures immediately on notification by the Public Health Department Staff.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

Movable Dwellings

There are no licensed caravan sites within the District but vacant plots of land were occupied for very limited periods by occupiers of movable dwellings. In all cases it was necessary for the vacated sites to be cleared of discarded materials.

Infectious Disease and Disinfection

Visits were made to all notified cases of specified infectious diseases and disinfections were carried out as necessary. Thirty-nine houses were disinfected during the year.

Disinfestation

The number and type of infestation dealt with was as follows:-

Council houses 68 Other houses 74

The houses were treated for the following infestations:-

Cockroaches	25	Ants	86
Bugs	3	Wasps	1
Flies	3	Beetles	10
Earwigs	3	Bees	1
Silverfish	9	Maggots	1

Disinfestation is carried out as necessary prior to the rehousing of persons in Council dwellings.

Rodent Control

There was a slight reduction in the total number of complaints received regarding infestations by mice and the total number of infestations by rats decreased.

The sewer treatments were carried out efficiently by the operators and there was a reduction in the number of takes recorded. Domestic premises are treated free, but a charge is made for the treatment of business premises.

The annual report submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is as follows:-

		Type of Property	
		Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1.	Number of properties in district	9887	53
2.	(a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	392	19
	(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	271	11
	(ii) Mice	121	8
3.	(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	119	12
	(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	23	5
	(ii) Mice	19	3

Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956

Thirty four visits were made to the agricultural units throughout the district to ensure that suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences together with an adequate water supply were provided.

Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The inspections of premises registered under this Act was continued to ensure that the safety and welfare of employees in Offices and Shops was safeguarded.

No notifications of accidents were received but it is probable that notification as required by Section 11 has not been adhered to.

The following information is taken from the Annual Report made to the Minister of Labour in accordance with the provisions of Section 60 of the Act.

Class of Work Place	No. of Registered Premises at end of year	No. of persons in such premises
Offices	16	64
Retail shops	71	233
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	9
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	18	65
Fuel storage depots	Nil	Nil
	<hr/> 106 <hr/>	<hr/> 371 <hr/>

Males: 134 Females: 237

Number of general inspections carried out	93
Number of visits of all kinds made	119
Number of letters sent re contraventions	9
Number of exemptions granted	Nil
Number of prosecutions	Nil
Number of accidents reported	Nil

Public Conveniences

The public conveniences are well maintained by the attendants, but as in previous years, malicious damage to fixtures and fittings was still evident.

Noise Abatement Act 1960

During the year seven complaints of alleged noise nuisances, involving thirty visits, were investigated. Four were of a domestic nature and three related to noise emanating from industrial premises,

Hairdressers and Barbers

Hygiene in hairdressing establishments is controlled by Bye-laws made in December 1962. There are 23 such premises within the district and 51 visits and inspections were made. The general standard of this type of business is satisfactory.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act. 1964 - Section 6

There are only two dealers in scrap metal registered with the local authority. Trading records and invoices relating to purchases and sales of scrap metal are examined periodically and close contact is made with the local Police Force.

Food and Drugs Act

The County Medical Officer of Health has supplied the following details of samples taken by County Sampling Officers. The County Council is the Authority responsible for the sampling of food and drugs within the district.

A total of 64 samples was obtained comprising 45 milks (5 of which were Channel Islands milk) and 19 others as follows:-

1 Full Cream Milk Food	1 Custard Powder
1 Cooked Cod	1 Long Grain Rice
1 Ice Cream	1 Split Lentils
1 Hamburgers with Onion & Gravy, canned	1 Golden Raising Powder
1 Sardines in Tomato Sauce, canned	1 Sodium Bicarbonate B.P.
1 Minced Beef with Onion & Gravy, canned	1 Baking Powder
1 Rice Milk Pudding, canned	1 Instant Coffee
1 Custard Ready to Serve	1 Tea
1 Glucose and Vegetable Fat Powder	1 Bacon grill, canned
	1 Baked Beans with Tomato Sauce

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:-

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Results of Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Full Cream Milk Food	The insect submitted with the sample was a fully grown and mature housemoth larva which could have been between 3 months and 6 months old (according to the temperatures at which it has lived). No insect frass whatever was found in the milk food. It was therefore most likely that the grub dropped into the carton after it had been opened.	Complainant informed. Manufacturer notified.
Cooked Cod	The sample consisted of a fish cake and not 'cooked cod' as such. The object submitted with it was a parasitic 'Cod Worm' (Porracaecum Decipiens) weighing 16 mgms. White Fish authority model purchase specifications permit 3 such worms per half stone of fish.	Complainant and vendor informed.
Informal Milk	Freezing Point indicates 0.6% extraneous water.	Dairy cautioned further sample obtained.
Glucose and Vegetable Fat Powder	The 'appropriate designation' 'Non dairy Creamer' which attempts to meet the requirements of Regulation 3 of the 1970 Labelling Regulations is hardly sufficiently specific to indicate the true nature of the food.	Manufacturer communicated with.
Informal Milk	Freezing Point indicates 2.0% extraneous water.	Producer cautioned further sample obtained.
Baked Beans with Tomato Sauce	Contained a cocked fly of the family Trichoceridae - common throughout the year but generally known as 'Winter Gnats' - in food that has been reheated it is not possible to speculate upon its origin.	Manufacturer notified. Complainant informed.

In concluding this report which in all probability will be my last. due to impending local government re-organisation, I wish to express my thanks to the loyal staff of the Public Health Department. During the last few years the burden of work increased considerably and it was only due to full co-operation that we were able to cope and keep the department running smoothly.

In addition, I am mindful of the help given to me by colleagues in all other departments, the Medical Officer of Health and the Chairman and members of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

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